

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1, 4-7 and 9-12 , as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the
Application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Method for the treatment of wood, wood powder and the like,
by wetting with an aqueous solution of one or more bifluorides, characterized in that, more
especially for the purpose of drying, one immerses or sprays the wood or the wood powder and
the like during at least 3 minutes.

Claim 2 (original): Method according to claim 1, characterized in that, one immerses the
wood on lath.

Claim 3 (original): Method according to claim 1, characterized in that, one sprays the wood
all sided.

Claim 4 (currently amended): Method according to ~~anyone of the claims 1—3~~ claim 1,
characterized in that, one uses for the wetting an aqueous solution which contains one or more
alkali bifluorides.

Claim 5 (currently amended): Method according to claim 4, characterized in that, the
bifluoride solution contains potassium and ammonium bifluoride, in which the weights ratio
between both bifluorides is between 13 : 7 and 2 : 3.

Claim 6 (currently amended): Method according to ~~anyone of the claims 1—5~~ claim 1,
characterized in that, the bifluoride solution contains one or more other bifluorides as for
instance zinc bifluoride, and if necessary other soluble metal salts.

Claim 7 (currently amended): Method according to ~~any one of the claims 1—6~~ claim 1,
characterized in that, one applies the method on green wood or incompletely dry wood.

Claim 8 (original): Method according to claim 7, characterized in that, one applies a mixed bifluoride solution with a weights concentration between 8 and 15 weights% with wood with a moisture content between 10 and 35% and a mixed bifluoride solution with a weights concentration between 15 and 32 weights% with wood with a moisture content between 35 and 60%.

Claim 9 (currently amended): Method according to claim 1, ~~2, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8~~, wherein ~~airily~~ airily stacked wood is placed on a transport container, and subsequently immersed on all sides in aqueous bifluoride solution and after draining, ~~after if desired, [[drying,]]~~ dried and transported.

Claim 10 (currently amended): Equipment for ~~application of~~ performing the method according to anyone of ~~the~~ claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9, comprising a transport container for wood, wherein wood can be ~~airily~~ airily stacked, characterized in that, the equipment further comprises an immersion vessel wherein fits the immersion vessel provided with agitating means and transporting means for bringing in and bringing out of the transport container and dosing means for supply of bifluoride solution.

Claim 11 (currently amended): Modified wood or wooden products produced according to the method of any one of the claims from 1 to 9 claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9, characterized in that, this contains in the outer layers about 15% moisture.

Claim 12 (currently amended): Products manufactured from wood powder and the like treated with bifluoride solution according to the method of any one of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 ~~claims from 1 to 9~~.

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